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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT: DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT

REF: A. BELGRADE 3883; B. BELGRADE 3881; C. STATE 173173

- 1. WE WILL COMMENT ON YUGOSLAV DRAFT TEXT PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH AS NUMBERED IN REF B.
- 2. PARA 2, REF B, IS THE SAME AS OUR FIRST PARA, REF C.
- 3. PARA 3, REF B, MAKES ONLY MINOR CHANGES IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF OUR PARA 2, REF C. WE DO NOT LIKE "SERIES OF QUESTIONS" AND WOULD PREFER "WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES". ALSO, WE SUGGEST "... CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD HELD ..."
- 4. PARA 4, REF B. SUGGEST BEGINNING THE SENTENCE WITH "THEY". WE ACCEPT REVERSE ORDER, I.E. "YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES." HOWEVER, SENTENCE IN ENGLISH LOSES MEANING AND STRUCTURE IF "ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF" IS OMITTED, SO THESE WORDS MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL

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RETAINED. THIS PART OF THE SENTENCE WAS IN 1971 JOINT

STATEMENT WORD FOR WORD, AND WE MUCH PREFER THAT LANGUAGE TO THE PRESENT YUGOSLAV VERSION.

- 5. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANS-LATION FROM SERBO-CROATIAN ACCOUNTS FOR THE MINOR CHANGES IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 5, REF B, BUT WE PREFER OUR VERSION IN PARA 3, REF C. WE THINK THERE IS MERIT IN THE YUGOSLAV SUGGESTION TO PUT A REFERENCE TO THE 1971 JOINT STATEMENT IN THIS PARAGRAPH BUT WOULD PUT FORWARD TWO EDITORIAL CHANGES, I.E. "CONTAINED" VICE "PRESENTED" AND "CONTINUING BASIS FOR RELATIONS" VICE "CONTINUING BASIS OF RELATIONS". ALSO, DO YUGO-SLAVS NEED "SFR YUGOSLAVIA" RATHER THAN SIMPLY "YUGO-SLAVIA"? THIRD SENTENCE IS OK. IN FOURTH SENTENCE BECAUSE OF A PROCESSION OF "FURTHERS", WE SUGGEST "ADDITIONAL PROGRESS" OR "WIDER PROGRESS". WE SHOULD CUT OFF SENTENCE AT "FEASIBLE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL." WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT THE BLESSING OF EXISTING CONDITIONS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS TO BE AVOIDED, AND THE YUGOSLAV TEXT IS ATROCIOUS AT THIS POINT. WE MIGHT CONSIDER SOMETHING LESS FAR-REACHING IN ENGLISH. WE PREFER OUR VERSION OF LAST SENTENCE IN THIS PARA-GRAPH (PARA 3, REF C).
- 6. PARA 6, REF B. WE ARE IN TWO MINDS AT THIS POINT ABOUT GIVING WAY ON INCLUSION OF "SOCIAL SCIENCES". EMBASSY'S POINT ABOUT OUR FUNDING PROBLEMS IN SCIENTIFIC AREA AS PL-480 DINAR RESOURCES DWINDLE IS WELL-TAKEN. CU MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES OMISSION OR INCLUSION.
- 7. PARA 7, REF B. ACCEPTABLE WITH SUBSTITUTION OF "PRESENTATIONS" FOR "DEMONSTRATIONS".
- 8. PARA 8, REF B, IS OK.
- 9. PARA 9, REF B. WE CANNOT ACCEPT YUGOSLAV ADDENDUM AS DRAFTED. FOCUS SHOULD BE ON EUROPE, NOT THE WORLD. IN ORDER TO TRY TO MEET YUGOSLAV WISHES, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SECOND SENTENCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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"THEY CONSIDER THAT THE CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, WHICH THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FULFILL, WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT GOALS AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND TO IMPROVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND PEOPLES."

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